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UZBEK-GERMAN AIR BASE AT TERMEZ

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11. (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph 2.

12. (SBU) Post requests assistance in notifying Allied Joint Forces Command (JFC) Headquarters to disseminate required procedures for personnel transiting Uzbekistan territory via the Uzbek-German Air Base in Termez. Post also requests the Department's and Embassy Kabul's assistance in disseminating correct information to relevant audiences. The procedures apply to all U.S. military and diplomatic personnel assigned to North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and/or International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) duty seeking transit through Termez when traveling on official business into and out of Afghanistan through Uzbekistan.

13. (SBU) The United States has only recently begun to exercise the "case-by-case" transit rights extended recently by the Government of Uzbekistan, and in each instance where U.S. personnel assigned to NATO/ISAF seek transit via Termez Airbase, the following procedures apply:

(a) Each transit at present is considered on a case-by-case basis, and requests must first be submitted to the Defense Attache Office (DAO) of Embassy Tashkent for review;

(b) The Embassy will then inform and seek transit permission from the Government of Uzbekistan by way of diplomatic note;

(c) Under the present agreement with the Government of Uzbekistan, the right of transit via Termez Airbase is strictly for U.S. personnel assigned to NATO/ISAF in the conduct of official business. Contractors are not authorized to use this air bridge.

14. (U) Embassy Tashkent greatly appreciates assistance in this matter from the Department, Embassy Kabul, and the Joint Forces Command to ensure any transit by U.S. personnel via Termez Airbase is in accordance with the criteria of the transit agreement as understood by the Government of

Uzbekistan.
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